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DARLING, W. BRIAN et al.)

Serial No. 09/846,979)

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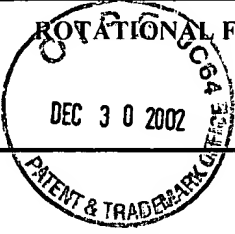
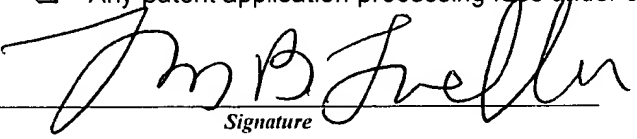
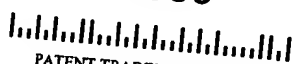
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application.

REMARKS:

Status of Claims

Claims 1-21 were previously pending in the application and remain unchanged.

Office Action

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4, 6, 11-12, 14, 16, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,690,387 to Dixon. Applicant does not believe that Dixon teaches a control mechanism for equalizing pressure between first and second ports of a rotation motor, as discussed below.

The present invention is designed to complement or work co-extensively with "existing side